

REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the acceptability of the filed drawings, for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority, and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents. Applicants further thank the Examiner for considering the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 26, 2006.

Applicants respectfully traverse the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-16 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In setting forth this rejection, the Examiner asserts that the elements of the claims could be interpreted as just software, and thus, the claims lack the necessary physical articles or objects to constitute a machine or a manufacture. Applicants submit that the claims are directed to statutory subject matter, and thus, this rejection is erroneous and is requested to be withdrawn. In this regard, using claim 1 as an example, an inputter, a displayer, a registration, and a text string/CG conversion processor are recited therein. According to a disclosed non-limiting embodiment of the invention, the inputter 104 corresponds to, for example, a keyboard and/or a mouse; the displayer 105 corresponds to, for example, a monitor; and the text string/CG conversion processor 131 corresponds to a processor. Applicants submit that these elements define specific hardware, and are not software, as asserted by the Examiner. With regard to independent method claim 16, the claim is herewith revised to be tied to another statutory category or transform underlying subject matter to a different state or thing. In view of the current amendments to the claims, Applicants submit that the ground for the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection no longer exists. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

Applicants respectfully traverse the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 1-4, 6-8, 10 and 12-16 (inadvertently indicated as being claims 1-8 and 10-16 on page 4 of the Detailed Action portion of the Office Action) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0016707 to DEVOINO et al., and the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of claims 5 and 11 as being obvious over DEVOINO et al. in view of Official Notice.

The present invention is directed to creating animation computer graphics from text. DEVOINO et al. is directed to a computer system that automatically displays a graphic representation of natural language text. Applicants submit that while it may appear that DEVOINO et al. and the presently claimed invention are both directed to computer graphics, what is created by the computer graphics in DEVOINO et al. and the instant claimed invention are completely different. In particular, it is submitted that configurational differences exist between DEVOINO et al. and the present invention. It is submitted that DEVOINO et al. fails to disclose each and every feature of Applicants' invention, as defined by the claims, and thus, DEVOINO et al. fails to anticipate the claimed invention. For example, Applicants submit that the present invention specifies material data, including character data, action data and set data, and a text string/character correspondence table to create computer graphics. DEVOINO et al., which is directed to displaying a graphic representation of natural language text, is not directed to animation, and thus, fails to disclose, let alone suggest, these elements of the claimed invention.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the applied art of record fails to disclose each and every feature specified in Applicants' independent claims 1 and 16. Thus, Applicants submit that an anticipation rejection can not be set forth against the pending claims. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection.

Furthermore, Applicants submit that Official Notice fails to teach or suggest that which is lacking in DEVOINO et al. In this regard, Official Notice is applied in the Office Action for the proposition of displaying a list of thumbnails of material data for the feature selected from the list. Applicants submit that Official Notice fails to disclose or suggest, for example, the material data and/or text string/character correspondence table to create computer graphics, as discussed above. Accordingly, Applicants submit that even if one attempted to combine the teachings of DEVOINO et al. with the usage of thumbnails (for which the Examiner has taken Official Notice), one would fail to arrive at the presently claimed invention, as such a combination would at least lack the above-discussed features. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection.

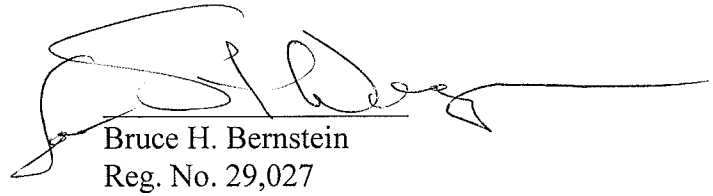
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the present invention as now defined by the pending claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Should the Commissioner determine that an extension of time is required in order to render this response timely and/or complete, a formal request for an extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), is herewith made in an amount equal to the time period required to render this response timely and/or complete. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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